

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  FARMERS MUTUAL COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY	DOCKET NO. TF-01-4 (TCU-99-16)
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**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO CERTIFICATE,  
CONCURRENCE IN MAPS, AND TARIFFS**

(Issued February 16, 2001)

On January 4, 2001, Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company of Shelby County (Farmers), filed a proposed tariff with the Utilities Board (Board) reflecting the addition of the Harlan (Town) exchange to its competitive local exchange service territory and establishing two-way EAS between its existing six exchanges, and the Harlan (Town) exchange and its Hancock exchange. The Board issued an order on July 8, 1999, approving the application of Farmers to provide service in the Harlan (Town) exchange and the Portsmouth exchange, both of which are in the service territory of Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, successor to GTE Midwest Incorporated (Iowa Telecom). In the July 8, 1999, order the Board stated that an amended certificate would be issued when Farmers has approved tariffs setting forth the terms and conditions of service and maps showing the addition of the Harlan (Town) and Portsmouth exchanges to its service territory. The application was identified as Docket No. TCU-99-16. Farmers requests the Board approve the proposed tariffs and amend its certificate to provide service in the Harlan (Town) exchange. Farmers did not file proposed tariffs to

provide service in the Portsmouth exchange. Farmers stated in its application in Docket No. TCU-99-16, that it would adopt the exchange boundary maps of Iowa Telecom for the Harlan (Town) and Portsmouth exchanges as they are and as they are modified in the future.

The proposed tariffs filed by Farmers reflect the additional exchange where it proposes to provide service. Farmers gave notice of the tariffs to potentially affected carriers. The tariffs have been identified as TF-01-4.

The Board will approve the proposed tariffs filed by Farmers and will issue an amended certificate including the Harlan (Town) exchange in its service territory. The Board issued Certificate No. 0050 to Farmers on September 29, 1992, under the provisions of Iowa Code § 476.29(12). The Board amended the certificate on April 4, 1994, to include service to the Earling, Harlan (Rural), Irwin, Jacksonville, Kirkman, and Westphalia exchanges. The extension of service by Farmers to the Harlan (Town) exchange is reasonable. The Board will amend Certificate No. 0050 to reflect service to the Harlan (Town) exchange.

The Board will approve the concurrence of Farmers in the service territory maps of the Harlan (Town) and Portsmouth exchanges of Iowa Telecom as they are today and as they are modified in the future. Farmers is not authorized to provide service to the Portsmouth exchange until it has approved tariffs showing the terms and conditions of service to that exchange and has given notice of the proposed tariffs to all affected carriers.

The Board finds that the proposed tariffs designed to extend EAS from the Earling, Harlan (Rural), Kirkman, Irwin, Jacksonville, and Westphalia exchanges to

the Harlan (Town) and Hancock exchanges and between those two exchanges are approved. The proposed tariffs comply with the Board's rules concerning the form of tariffs. The EAS routes are being approved by tariff filing since Farmers will be offering the service without an increase in rates and the service is within its own service territory.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The proposed tariffs, identified as TF-01-4, filed by Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company of Shelby County on January 4, 2001, are approved.
2. The concurrence in the exchange maps of the Harlan (Town) and Portsmouth exchanges of Iowa Telecommunication Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, successor to GTE Midwest Incorporated, is approved.
3. An amendment to Certificate No. 0050 is being issued concurrently with this order. Under the amended certificate, Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company of Shelby, will be allowed to provide service in the exchanges, including Harlan (Town), as shown by its tariffs as currently and subsequently approved.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper

Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.